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Dear Ms. Hanlon

I am writing to ask that the Department of Energy recommend to President George W. Bush that the site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada be designated the national repository for high-level radioactive waste and spent fuels.

Many years of effort have been spent evaluating a site for the national disposal facility and the Department has identified a suitable location. Storing high-level radioactive waste at one location is better than continuing to accumulate spent nuclear fuels at more than 70 sites throughout the nation.

The nuclear industry has been handling, storing and transporting spent nuclear fuel for many years and containers used for these purposes have been designed, built and tested to specifications suitable to withstand extremes. These containers have an outstanding record of safety and performance.

The National Academy of Sciences recently affirmed that the geologic disposal is the only scientifically and technically credible solution to the high-level radioactive waste storage issue. The scientific evidence concluded that the Yucca Mountain site meets or exceeds the criteria for a facility of this type.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to recommend the Yucca Mountain site to the President.

Sincerely,

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